

LEGACY: The African American Journey Transylvania County and Beyond

How do you tell an American story?



*The African American Journey
Transylvania County and Beyond*

A story of struggle,
A story of strength.

A story of horror,
A story of hope.

That must be told...

The story of us.

Kuame Alexander

LEGACY is a story of new beginnings and endings, of suffering and celebration, of hope and disappointment, of challenges and success. It is the history of African Americans told through a series of programs that each cover different topics and is designed to encourage dialogue, interaction and self-reflection.

Led by both Black and white Transylvanians with an emphasis on local African American history, the course is a unique way to tell the true story of the lived experiences of African Americans and to foster an understanding of the culture and accomplishments of our Black community and its members as well as the national perspective.

Purposes of the Course

- LEGACY is an educational course in which participants receive a clear, honest description and analysis of Black history in America.
- LEGACY delivers knowledge and understanding of our local Black community members – their history, their culture, their communities and their accomplishments.
- LEGACY will provide opportunities for interaction and relationship building with an emphasis on unity.



LEGACY Course Structure

LEGACY will begin with an Orientation/ Retreat in January 2025. Regular educational sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings, dates below. Sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include dinner.

LEGACY Course Schedule

(Tentative – Steering Committee is still working on programming! Dates are set.)

Date	Topic
Saturday, January 25	Orientation/Retreat
February 4	Opening Session <i>Slavery/Freedom</i>
February 18	Education
March 4	Sports
March 18	Black Man & Achievements
April 1	Black Women & Achievements
April 15	Culture 1 <i>Art, Literature, Sculpture & Crafts</i>
May 6	Culture 2 <i>Music, Cuisine & Design</i>

SUMMER BREAK

September 2	Business/Military
September 16	Healthcare
October 7	Law & Justice
October 21	Role of the Church
November 4	Closing Session

Steering Committee: Susan Threlkel & Edith Darity – Co-Chairs, Dan Carter, Jonalyn Crite, Sim Cozart, Frankie Gordon, Tyree Griffin, Carter Heyward, Spencer Jones, Tommy Kilgore, Diane Livingston, Rodney Locks, Diana Refsland



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Course Application 2025

Date Received: _____

By completing and submitting this application, I am committing to:

- Being an **active** participant in the LEGACY Course and discussions.
- Attending sessions **regularly** and **giving advance notice** if unable to attend.
- Engaging in **respectful** discussion with classmates and presenters.
- Maintaining an **open-mind** towards new information and perspectives.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip Code

Email: _____

Phone(s): _____

Information from the following section will only be used to help diversify the class to include a variety of people from different areas of the county, walks of life, backgrounds and demographics or to facilitate meeting the purposes of LEGACY.

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Residential area in Transylvania County: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Any dietary restrictions, allergies, etc? _____

The Class is limited to 30 participants. Every effort is made to maintain a balance of Black, white and other-race individuals.

Cost of Course: \$100 per person. Each participant is required to pay at least \$25. LEGACY is offering sponsorships to support and help fund those interested in committing to the program but who would find the cost to be a barrier to participation. *(Please consider paying an additional \$25 to help support another person.)*

Would you like to request a sponsorship? _____

Amount requested: Full amount (\$75) _____ **Other (write amount)** _____

Community Goals for the Course

LEGACY aspires to create participants who are history ambassadors in the community, helping spread the word about the importance of African American history, especially locally, and promote this important initiative so that it may continue.

Personal Goals – please answer: Why would you like to participate in the LEGACY Course?

Return completed application to:
Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center
221 Mills Avenue
Brevard, NC 28712
Contact: Susan Threlkel
Phone: (828)506-5449

